

30 December 1960

The President of the Federal German Intelligence Service

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Spurred by the recent founding of the Moscow Friendship University, private interests in the Federal Republic plan the foundation of an international institute of higher learning under the name "International University of Human Rights."

The interests in question feel that while the academic institutions of the non-Communist World are making a substantial contribution to the East-West spiritual struggle, that contribution does not measure up to the danger of ideological infiltration. This danger may be expected to increase as the result of the Communist Declaration and Appeal to the Nations of the World published following the December 1960 Moscow World Conference of Communist Parties. Since the spiritual attack of World Communism is essentially directed at the posture and image of the non-Communist World, the sense of values, especially of the world's youth, is ever more seriously threatened. The sponsors of the proposed university are persuaded that only a united effort on the part of the leading non-Communist nations can arrest this development, and that only an academic institution of international scope is capable of successful counteraction. Particular attention must be given to the youth of the developing countries, toward whom the Moscow University exerts a strong power of attraction. It is true that these young people receive specialized training in the greatest variety of non-Communist institutes of learning. Nevertheless, the prerequisites for a systematic saturation of the conscience of these young people with the values of the Atlantic Culture are usually missing.

It's West German sponsors conceive the proposed international institute in the following terms:

1. Goal of the International University of Human Rights is the preparation of the citizenry of all non-Communist states of the world for the spiritual struggle with World Communism.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3828
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2001 2005

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

2. This goal requires a curriculum concentrated in the discipline of philosophical anthropology. At the same time, practical considerations require specialization in the field of administration and economics.

3. The University should be founded and endowed by an international Foundation and thereby considered an international institution.

4. The administration of the University should be in the hands of a small directorate designated by the Foundation.

5. The seat of the University should be in one of the smaller European states.

6. The University should be financed through donations.

7. The faculty should be composed of noted academicians from the non-Communist world.

8. Initially, students at the University should be financed exclusively through stipends of the Foundation.

Since this planning may coincide with activity of similar circles in your country, I want to call your attention to it.

Particularly in view of indications that financial support may be available from German industrial sources, I am inclined to support the proposal outlined above in broad terms. However, I would lend my support only in the event you have no basic objection to such a project.

I should be very appreciative if you could let me have your views of the idea.

With best greetings and wishes for the New Year, I remain,

Respectfully,

/s/ Gehlen

BEST AVAILABLE COPY